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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel L. K. White  
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Subject: Summary of CIA appropriation hearings

Bureau of the Budget examiners working on the regular departments and agencies of the Government spend some time each spring closely scrutinizing the record of hearings of their departments and agencies before the two Appropriations Committees and the Committee reports resulting therefrom. On the basis of this review memoranda are prepared for key Bureau officials which highlight the course of the hearings or the Committee comments insofar as they pertain to the requirements of present and future programs; the role of the Bureau of the Budget and budget procedures; appropriation structure, funding arrangements, or activity classification; and interagency or intraagency organization and management problems. These analyses continue to prove valuable in preparing for the annual budget preview and review and in reassessing the budget process.

Since there is no published transcript of your hearings before the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, we have not attempted to compile the normally required analysis. It is apparent, however, that it would be helpful to us in working with you, and particularly in advising the Director on the interests and concerns of the Congress, if we could obtain, somehow, a summary of the questions which were raised by the members of the Committee. It might be that following the hearings we could meet with you to obtain orally a list of these questions, with particular emphasis on the kinds of topics in which the Bureau is normally interested.

As usual, we would handle this information only among the Bureau personnel who have been cleared by you to work on the Agency budgets, and the memoranda normally required would not be prepared. I believe that this step would not only be helpful to us but would ultimately redound to the Agency's benefit.

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